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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT NO. _____

TOPIC Airfield of STAAREN

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8 September 1949

1. No aircraft were observed at the STAAREN (N 53/Z 65) airfield.

14 September 1949

2. Sixteen twin-engine transport planes and some fighters were parked at the field. A total of about 50 planes flying in elements of two continually landed at the field. Description: Long in-line engine, gull wings, two heavy machine guns or cannons installed in each wing, similar to the Ju-87. +

10 and 11 September 1949

3. There was intensive flying with formations of nine single-engine low-wing monoplanes. Thirty fighters with radial engines were parked on the northern edge of the airfield. About 35 single-engine planes were parked in front of the hangars.

12 September 1949

4. Five to six hundred tank soldiers and engineer soldiers with steel helmets and assault equipment were resting on the southern edge of the airfield. Six hundred soldiers of different branches of service, equipped as the tank and engineer troops marched to the field at 10 a.m. with a band playing. Shortly afterwards a convoy of trucks occupied by about three hundred soldiers arrived at the field.

_____ The reason for this troop concentration could not be learned. ++

17 to 19 September 1949

5. There was intensive flying of groups of nine single-engine aircraft. Some of these single-engine planes had red propeller hubs. The _____

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single-engine high-wing monoplane and 20 twin-engine transport aircraft were parked at the field. The truck arrived at the field. Three trucks with mounted searchlights of about 5-foot diameter were standing in the southern section of the landing field. According to a worker at the field, 20 twin-engine aircraft had arrived during the previous week. The quarters were overcrowded. +++

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13 September 1949

6. Forty-eight low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines and five twin-engine aircraft with single-rudder assembly were parked at the field.

15 September 1949

7. About 50 single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines were parked on the northern and southern edges of the airfield. A radio station was located at the western edge.

25X1A Comment:

- + The previously reported occupation of the STANKEN airfield by ground attack aircraft was confirmed. Ø From the reported number of planes of this type it is inferred that a regiment which was previously stationed in COCHIN is now located in STANKEN.
- ++ The army unit mentioned in para 4 was probably only temporarily stationed at the STANKEN airfield in connection with maneuvers held at that time.
- +++ The reported twin-engine aircraft are presumably assigned to the training regiment of the III Bar Corps which was transferred from CONCHIN to STANKEN.

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